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### **Guide By Your Side**

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*What works for your child is what  
makes the choice right!"*



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**Providing unbiased, emotional  
support and resources by trained  
Parent Guides to families of  
children with hearing loss**

## Louisiana Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side

Guide By Your Side™ is a program from Hands and Voices that provides emotional support and unbiased information from trained Parent Guides to families of newly identified children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

### Guide By Your Side Provides:

- ✓ A Parent Guide to listen and share resources
- ✓ Unbiased support
- ✓ Compassion and knowledge from parents who have a child who has a hearing loss



### Why is Parent Support Important?

- Helps families identify options without telling them which option to choose
- Offers experience from a Parent Guide who knows what it is like to raise a child who has a hearing loss
- Gives the family a chance to meet others who are traveling down the same path



*“The best thing we did for our family was to get involved with the Guide By Your Side program. It made a huge difference in our knowledge and outlook regarding our daughter’s future.”*

### Who is eligible for the Guide By Your Side Program?

- ✓ Louisiana families who have a child who has a hearing loss or a hearing loss is suspected

### How much does it cost?

- ✓ The Guide By Your Side program is free to families

**For more information about Guide By Your Side, please contact Mariah Ranko, Guide by Your Side™ Program Coordinator at 504-919-8147 or email: [Mariah.Ranko@la.gov](mailto:Mariah.Ranko@la.gov)**



\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be connected with a Parent Guide  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like more information about Guide By Your Side and resources

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

The best time to contact me is : \_\_\_\_\_ AM weekdays \_\_\_\_\_ PM weekdays

\_\_\_\_\_ AM weekends \_\_\_\_\_ PM weekends

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